



SUMMARY OF NON-ZONING MEETING

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

West Dade Regional Library

9445 Coral Way

May 4, 2005

Council Members Present

George A. Alvarez, Chair - Sub Area 101
Juan Carlos Acosta, Vice-Chair, At Large (104)
Jose Garrido – Commissioner Appointee
Julio R. Caceres – Sub Area 105
Carlos Manrique, Sub-Area 106

Council Members Absent

Alex A. Martínez, Sub-Area 102
Manuel Casas – Sub-Area 103

Miami-Dade – Team Metro

Robert Santos-Alborná, Regional Coordinator, Team Metro Tamiami Office
Maryse C. Lopez, Outreach Specialist, Team Metro – Tamiami Office

Other County Staff

Anestis Konstantidinis, Office of Strategic Management & Budget

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair George Alvarez called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM, and lead with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Robert Santos-Alborná called the roll. All Council members were present except for Manuel Casas and Alex Martinez. Vice Chair Juan Carlos Acosta arrived a few minutes after the roll call.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Alvarez read the Agenda for approval. Moved by Council Julio Caceres, seconded by Council Jose Garrido. Motion Passes.

Minutes of **11/17/04** for approval: Moved by Council Julio Caceres, seconded by Council Jose Garrido. Motion Passes.

Review of and approval of matrix showing attendance records for Calendar Year 2004. Matrix is to be included in the 2004 Sunset Review Documents. Moved by Council Julio Caceres, seconded by Council Jose Garrido. Motion Passes.

IV. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Santos-Alborná discussed the following:

- A. Transfer of the Secretary / Team Metro Regional Coordinator was rescinded. Thus, RSA remains onboard.
- B. Councilman Alex Martinez has accepted a position with the Miami-Dade Police Department – Legal Bureau. Charter prohibits him from serving as a council member while being a Miami-Dade County employee. As a result, he must resign from his post. A letter of resignation is forthcoming, but the implication is that there will be a vacancy for Sub-Area 102.
- C. The next non-zoning meeting (July 6th), will be ear-marked to fill the vacancy.
- D. Sunset Review –
 - 1) Discussion as the requirements
 - 2) Completion of the matrix
 - 3) Forwarding to downtown and the Department of Planning & Zoning (DPZ).
- E. Budget Workshop
 - 1) Last workshop completed by CC 10 was in 2002.
 - 2) Must have input and recommendations proffered today.
 - i. Presentation from the Office of Strategic Management staff
 - ii. Draft resolution from another area included in packet, as point of reference

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Alvarez stated that for the sake of expediency, there would not be additional report from the Chair.

VI. PRESENTATION OF GUESTS

- A. Terri Garcia, Jorge Gonzalez, and Alfred Lurigados, with Expressway Authority (MDX).
- B. Anestis Konstantidinis, Office of Strategic Management & Budget (OSMB).

VII. PRESENTATION BY EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

- A. Terri Garcia – Director of Marketing, and Alfred Lurigados – Division Director for the Expressway Authority made presentation as to the current state of MDX
- B. Current Make-Up of the Board & Responsibilities
 - 1) 13 Member Board
 - 2) Oversee the Management of five (5) Expressways – Toll Roads
 - a. State Road (SR) 112
 - b. SR 836
 - c. SR 874
 - d. SR 878
 - e. SR 924
 - 3) Tolls Collected in Dade County, remain in Dade County, unlike FDOT toll roads
 - 4) New Programs
 - a. Free transponders for Economically Disadvantaged Individuals in conjunction with Team Metro.
 - b. Increase in Design Built Projects – as opposed to older phased low-bid projects

VIII. BUDGETED WORKSHOP

- A. Anestis Konstantidinis, staff to the Office of Strategic Management & Budget (OSMB) spoke regarding process.
 - 1) Budget recommendations should have been completed and forwarded in February, March, or April.
 - 2) CC 10 is behind schedule
 - 3) Between 4 and 6 recommendations
- B. DISCUSSION
 - 1) Each Council member moved forth area of concerns, these included:
 - a) Infrastructure
 - b) Traffic Alleviation
 - c) Striping / Improve Signage
 - d) Maintain cohesive landscape plan
 - e) Security - increase police presence to meet national established standards of 3 officers per 1,000 residents.
 - f) Bicycle paths
 - g) Libraries
 - h) Team Metro - Outreach

C. MOTION TO PLACE 5 ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION

PRIORITY I - WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY URBAN CENTER DISTRICT STUDY.

- A. Resolution to establish the *Westchester Community Urban Center District Study*, to analyze the need for rezoning identified properties within CC 10 boundaries, and create a plan to promote:
1. growth
 2. development
 3. improving vehicular circulation and transit
 4. define the structure of the neighborhoods
 5. define the structure of parks
- B. Earmark space as the Urban Center District at Galloway and Bird, to be named *Westchester Urban Center*. Site would be designed to house governmental departments including:
1. MDPD Sub-station
 2. Fire & Rescue Sub-Station
 3. Team Metro
 4. Metro Transit
 5. Housing
 6. Community Resource and Conference Center – to house Community council meetings.
 7. Multi-use and Mixed-use Center would also include:
 - a. Retail
 - b. Residential

PRIORITY II - IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE

Take steps and apply General Obligation Bond and other revenues to obtaining land and improving the infrastructure, including:

1. streets
2. sidewalks
3. lighting
4. landscaping
5. bike paths.

PRIORITY III – REQUEST FOR SIGNAGE

- a) Welcome Sign at **Belen Neighborhood**
- b) Improve street signs throughout CC 10

PRIORITY IV - INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE

Increase Police Department funding to support additional staff and equipment, in an effort to increase police visibility

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request for the Department of Planning & Zoning to prepare Charrette – Westchester.
- B. Request for MDPD – Doral / Midway District (Major Galindo) to discuss security in neighborhoods.
- C. Request for Public Works to make two (2) presentations.
 - 1) Bird Road Beautification Project
 - 2) 97 Avenue Overpass
- D. Request for Transit to provide report and analysis on Bicycle Racks.
- E. Request Parks to make presentation on the utilization of parks, particularly the Tropical Regional Park.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Robert Santos-Alborná
Executive Secretary – Westchester Community Council (10)